

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 14-16 and amend claim 1-7, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A joint for a panel, the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue wherein the second edge further comprises an upper side groove, ~~[[that]]~~ and a joining profile, the joining profile is provided with a tongue and an intermediate section, the joining profile being so configured so as to allow[ing] it to be located in the upper portion of the joint between two, joined, adjacent panels.

2. (Currently Amended) [A] The joint for a panel according to claim 1, [the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue] wherein the first edge further comprises an upper side groove [and the second edge comprises an upper side groove, that a] and the joining profile is further provided with a first and second snapping tongue [and an intermediate section], the joining profile being so configured so as to allow[ing] the first and second snapping tongue to be fitted into upper side grooves of two, joined, adjacent panels.

3. (Currently Amended) [A] The joint according to claim 2 wherein the joint further comprises the mating surfaces[that] wherein the joining profile and the upper sides grooves are so configured that a play is created in the joint between the mating surfaces